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SUBJECT.

re relating to the order dispensing the services of Palghat Hanumanthakao, Muzrai overseer, and also directing the discontinuance of the daily grant of 2½ p of rice with condiments from 1st November 1906.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES. LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

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SUBJECT.

His Highness the Maharaja's Charities at Tirupati in the North Arcot District.

From

D.O. No. [illegible] dated [illegible] April [illegible] from the [illegible], Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja of [illegible]

No. Dated

[illegible] the petition received with the Demi-Official letter above referred to, it is stated that an Official [illegible] employed at the Tirupati [illegible] [illegible] of public money. The Official [illegible] (as mentioned in the Private Secretary's D.O.) [illegible] of the [illegible] Palace [illegible] [illegible]

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...ore, he was appointed from 1st April 1901 as an Overseer in the Muzrai Department on pay Rs. 20 ... from Muzrai Savings under the orders of the late Dewan, Sir P. N. Krishna Murti K. C. I. E. Subsequently, on his representing that his pay was too small to enable him to live in Bangalore, he ... request, sent to do duty at Tirupati, in Oct'r 1901. Later on, a Savabana of 2 seers of rice with accessories per diem was sanctioned in his favour under the orders of Sir Krishna Murti with effect from the 1st July 1904. The cost of this -- ... at present is Rs. a month, and is charged to the feeding allotment of the Tirupati Chattram. He has no specific duties assigned to him, and he has not been given any power or responsibility in connection with H. H. the Maharaja's charities at --- Tirupati. His pay of 20 Rs. is not included in the Pay Bills of the Establishment in connection with the Tirupati charities but is met out of the savings

of the temples at Kalasa and Chamarajnagar. The allegations made in the Petition regarding this--- man's appointment are therefore not untrue.

Strictly speaking, there is no necessity for Palghat Hanumantha Rao's services at --- Tirupati, and the Lavazema given to him, which --- amounts roughly to Rs. 180 per annum, would, if withdrawn, be of great use for expenditure on the pilgrims or on the many miscellaneous items of --- charges connected with the charities. The man himself is of a quarrelsome disposition, and the Dharmadarsi of the Charities (Mr. V. Nesha Iyer B. A. who has come here, says that the presence of Hanumantha Rao at Tirupati is a source of annoyance and trouble to those who manage the Chattram affairs. A complaint was made in the Visitors' Book by a pilgrim to the effect that Hanumantha Rao finished his meals one day, at the Chattram in a room walked through the hall for washing his hands, while others were taking their seat, and that when those people remonstrated with him

on such objectionable behaviour, he ~~abused them~~ quarrelled with them.

issued orders warning him against such conduct in the future. The man seems unsuited to have any connection with the Tirupati Charities. Even if he is re-called, I am not in a position to give him any work as he is too old and unfit for work.

The proper responsible Manager of the Tirupati Charities, who is styled "Peshkar", is one Srirangachar on pay Rs. 35 per mensem. With the assistance of the two Gumastas placed under him and under the supervision of the Dharmadarsi (Mr. V. Sesha Iyer B. A.) he attends to the Charities in a really efficient manner and to the entire satisfaction of all persons (high or low) who visit H. H. the Maharaja's Chattram.

As regards the latter part of the Private Secretary's demi-official letter, I very respectfully beg to submit the following few remarks.

The affairs of H. H. the Maharaja's

materially increased during the past few years. The original allotment on account of this feeding was only Rs. 100 per mensem, with additional grants of Rs. 600 and 150 respectively for the Bramha-Utsava and Mukkote festivals, total Rs. 1950 per annum. This was found extremely inadequate, leading as it did to the refusal of food to a great many deserving persons. Upon a representation made, after ~~the~~ personal inspection, by the late Dewan, Sir K. Seshadri Iyer K. C. S. I., H. H. the Maharani, late Regent, was pleased to direct that no person resorting to H. H. the Maharaja's Chatiram at Tirupati, should be refused food for want of funds. The expenditure accordingly began to increase, and the total monthly excess cost varied from 200 to 400 Rs. With the view of fixing the excess cost at some definite amount, a sum of Rs. 3000/- per annum was added to the Budget in 1902-03 under the head, Sc[illegible] the total allotment for feeding purposes was fixed at Rs. 4,950 per

In that Memorandum were kindly approved by the late 2nd Councillor and the late Dewan, and, in accordance with the orders passed by them, Government Proceedings No. 4672-4 Dated 15th June 1905 were issued. The improvements ordered in those Proceedings were,

1. The needful repairs to the big Chattram and the improvement of its sanitation,
2. the repair of the various articles such as Palki, Gold umbrella &c. given in older times as offerings to the temple,
3. the provision of accommodation to Hindu non-Brahmin travellers, (-work not yet carried out,)
4. the increase of the pay of the hard working officials to a small extent, and
5. the revision of the scale of expenses in accordance with the most recent orders.

The next matter requiring notice is the fact that the cost of the gratuitous feeding of Brahmins in the Chattram in Upper Tirupati has ----

materially increased during the past few years. The original allotment on account of this feeding was only Rs. 100 per mensem, with additional grants of Rs. 600 and 150 respectively for the Brambā-Utsava and Mukkote festivals, total Rs. 1950 per annum. This was found extremely inadequate, leading as it did to the refusal of food to a great many deserving persons. Upon a representation made, after the personal inspection, by the late Dewan, Sir K. Seshadri Iyer K. C. S. I., H. H. the Maharani, late Regent, was pleased to direct that no person resorting to H. H. the Maharaja's Chattram at Tirupati, should be refused food for want of funds. The expenditure accordingly began to increase, and the total monthly excess cost varied from 200 to 400 Rs. With the view of fixing the excess cost at some definite amount, a sum of Rs. 3000/- per annum was added to the Budget in 1902-03 under this head, so that the total allotment for feeding purposes was fixed at Rs. 4950 per

arrum. Later on however, in the Mukkoto festivals held in December 1904 and December 1905, owing to the larger number of visitors in consequence of the Madhva Sabha, and the high prices of provisions, the cost of feeding rose very high, and the excess amount to a little over 1300/- Rs. and 1500 respectively in ~~in each of~~ those years. These extra amounts were specially graciously sanctioned by H. H. the Maharaja upon the recommendation of the late Dewan. Further, with the view of obviating frequent applications of the kind, a permanent additional grant of Rs. 1500 per annum was sanctioned on account of the Brambotsava and Mukkoto festivals. Thus, the total grant on account of feeding in this year (1906-07) and in future years is Rs. 4950 plus 500 = 6450. As the high prices of provisions still continue, the whole of the above mentioned amount will be required, and every effort will be made not to exceed this liberal allotment hereafter. I have not only written officially to the Dharmadorsi but verbally impressed the necessity for economy on him

and the Poshkar.

Another item involving much expenditure is the Akhanda or perpetual lamp which is kept burning in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple in front of the Deity. This lamp, which came into the possession of the Mysore Govt during the Regency, requires half a maund of ghee every day or 150 Rs. a month, at 10 Rs a maund, and this sum is provided in the Muzrai Budget. Owing to the rise in the price of Ghee, the allotment will be slightly exceeded. Similarly, the cost of articles required in connection with temple services, such as the cooked rice offered as Nyvedyam and distributed in the temple, and the Utsavam in connection with H. H. the Maharaja's Birthday, have also slightly exceeded the fixed amount. All these put together are calculated to cost about 500 Rs. for the whole year. I hope to meet the excess in such items from the current Casdy amount without asking for additional sanction.

The contract rates for the supply

provisions, secured in February last by means of sc. of tenders, have been very satisfactory considering the high prices prevailing, and it has been arrange that the Contractor should deliver the articles in the Chattram or the Hill instead of at Lower Tirupati as before. This will result in a saving of about 20 Rs. a month formerly charged for carriage up-hill. Added to this, a saving of about 15 Rs. a month may be effected if Palchat Harumantha Rao's Davazama is disallowed. About Rs. 420 per annum can thus be saved in all to meet unforeseen miscellaneous excess expenditure.

In the matter of supervision, the Dharmadarsi, who is a local Pleader of influence and who permanently resides in Tirupati, looks into and check the accounts and sends them up to this Office to correspond with this Office on all points requiring orders and obtains instructions. A daily state- ment showing the number of persons fed & Visitors' book is regularly kept in the Chattram, an extract therefrom containing the remarks of Visitors

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received
in various languages are ~~read~~ in this Office and perused, and noticeable suggestions acted upon. In a few instances I brought such suggestions to the notice of the late Dewan also. Except in very rare instances, the visitors have always recorded remarks showing their satisfaction at the arrangements made by the Chattram Officials.

The total sanctioned grant for the Temple and Chatrams at Tirupati amounts to Rs. 12,630-10-6 per annum including the sum of Rs. 1500/- sanctioned in March last.

K. Ananda Sami Rao

Submitted to the Dewan Sahib with reference to his order recorded on the Private Secy's D.O. letter.

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28.7.06.

Please see Dewan's D.O. to Hon'ble Mr. Connochie dated 4th August & that Officer's reply thereto & 7 items (put up)-

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Memo

In the orders of H H the Maharaja communicated to the Dewan in Mr Macconochie's DO letter dated the 7th August 1906, it was directed that the services of Palghat Hanumantha Rao Temporary Mazrai Overseer, attached to the Mysore Charities at Tirupati, might be dispensed with.

Upon Hanumanta Rao's represe-sentation, the Dewan was pleased to direct that Hanumanta Rao's pay and allces might be continued up to the close of the Brahmotsavam festival. That Utsavam having come to a close at the end of last month, the Dewan was pleased the other day to direct me to carry out at once His Highness' orders for dispensing with the services of Hanumantha Rao—

A draft Order in that behalf is put up.

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29/10/06

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VISITORS BOOK FOR THE MONTH OF

సత్రేదల్లి ఇళియువ యాత్రీకరు తమ్మ అభిప్రాయవన్ను బరియువ విజిటర్స్ బుక్కు

త్రయులో దిగేటటువంటి యాత్రికులు తమ అభిప్రాయమును వ్రాయుటకంటి విజిటర్స్ బుక్కు

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Tirupati.

16th November 1905

To

L. Aranteswami Row Esqr.
Munsi Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

I withhold the accompanying sheet of the Visitors' Book (page 480) of the Annamalai Chetram for September 1905, as it contained a reflection upon one of the staff here, Pelgunt Ananamanthadon, which necessitated some enquiry on my part. On enquiry, I find that the incident, though objectionable was exaggerated Pelgunt Ananamanthadon was not one of the company, taking meals in the Chetram He was occupying the front room in the first Court yard, where after taking his own meal (which I know is more of a Palaharaeram than a meal) he went out to wash his hands. In the rath

crossed by him, were seated females on
one side and some Chinese lads on
the other side, the more pious of the pilgrims
occupying the raised platform in the middle
of the hall. He had only to go a few paces
to reach the street door and the matter-jet
as it appears to me, would not have attracted
any attention, but for somebody then
bent on finding fault. But when once
the cry is raised, it usually happens that
it gathers force from a minded audience
and the result is a condemned representa-
tion such as the one now recorded in
the Visitors' Book. It must be remembered
that Hammerton Row could have washed
his hands in his own room and so
if he went out for this purpose, he
must have done so unwittingly
or at any rate, with no idea of

offering any insult to the congregation assembled there. He is himself an old (and I may add, obliging) man of the world and must be presumed to know the etiquette of this class, better than others. But the great thing in these matters is not the justification of one's conduct, but the avoidance of giving pain to others. In this view, Hanuman the Rev. cordially concurs and feels deeply sorry for what has happened. With this explanation of his regret, the matter, he thinks may be allowed to be dropped.

I beg to remain Sir
Your most obedient servant
B. Lewis Rice
Director of Public Instruction
Mysore Maharaja's Charities
Seringapatam

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క్షేత్రములో దిగోటువంటి యాత్రికులు తమ అభిప్రాయమును వారి యనటువంటి విజిటర్స్ బుక్కు

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VISITORS BOOK FOR THE MONTH OF

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Enc: Translation of remarks made in Kanarese in the Visitors' Book maintained in H H the Mysore Maharaja's Chattram on the Hill at Tirupati, N. Arcot Dt:—

We the undersigned ~~beg to record~~ were ~~present~~ dining ~~that~~ on the 2nd October 1905 in H H the Mysore Maharaja's Chattram. We consisted of 600 ~~men~~ about respectable and learned ~~men~~ pundits. While we were dressing ~~as~~ some old Madva Brahmin (about 60 years old) came out from ~~an~~ a room ~~in the~~ adjoining the 2 Thatti ~~with~~ having finished his meal without washing his hands and passed between the Panktheis. Some of us objected to his passing like that and but he insulted us by saying that ~~as~~ he ~~is consecrated~~ was a Madva Brahmin as ~~I am also~~ we ~~are~~ are and went away. He came again ~~washing~~ washing his hands. He All ~~the~~ of. We ~~asked~~ asked him if he is pure satisfied in doing so. He rejected what he said before and talked as he liked. ~~in the mouth.~~ There was a ~~noise~~ clamour amongst the crowd, meanwhile the Vicharanakarta came and appeased us

by saying that he will enquire into the complaint after the meals and entertainment entertained us very courteously at the We were very much pleased with the treatment, the Vegetables, meals preparation and the kind of the things & mode of entertaining serving. We cannot find words to express our gratitude adequately for our pleasure. After meals were over we came to learn that the old brothers Brahmin was referred to as the Dy. Peishkar of the Chattram. the Dy. Valuable & to this Chattram attracts many Pandits & religious & respectable men — The appointment of such unfit & sinful managers will not bring credit to the H.H of the Maharaja & to the Dewan Sahib —

S/d. Jowdahalli Venkatrasastry.
Magere, Kolar Taluk

Samba sastry Jodidar
Byalahalli

Subbasastry - Jodidar
Pillagumbalahalli

In seethavamiah
2/10/05

To

His Highness

The Maharajah of

Mysore

May it please Your Highness:

PS As the object of this Memorial is not to complain against the Servants of Mysore Charities at Tirupatte but merely to bring to your Highness's Consideration the fact that too old a man with little or no work which is worth the name, is paid amply Every Month by the Mysore Government at Tirupatte Charities, I have refrained from signing this Memorial but would request of your Highness to direct the verification of these Statements.

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2. It is needless to say that the Temple at Tirupatte is the only one throughout India worshipped

All Communities, be he a Sivaite
or Vishnuvite, or Jain or Buddhist,
from Northernmost Himalayan Glaciers
to Southernmost Cape Comorin.

3. On the Sacred Hill of Tirupati, the
Spacious building of His Highness the
Maharajah of Mysore Government
at once Exhibiting the beautiful
workmanship of the Mysore Public
Works Department supplies
pilgrims with Comforts enough
for the performance of the arduous
vows. One cannot but be surprised
at the hospitality & kindness shown
to them from time to time which reminds
one of Christmas Eve. They are
prepared to spend a certain sum by Govt
for the Management of the Hotel
Mysore is anxious to maintain illustrated
itself here.-

4 The charity which originally
was of 10 candles light gradually
increased to 1000 candles light in

Your Highness's Administration
will at once see that the present
Charities are found absolutely
necessary & your Highness's
Charities is the only one in the Sacred
Hills, though there are many en-
deavours made in the Middle of India
none have been blessed with this fortune by
God Venkatachallapathi.

I have also an admirer
of your Highness's Charities at Tirupati
I think it my duty to bring to your
Highness's Consideration the fact that
an old man is in Service of Charities
at Tirupati. The Public are both
able to understand what Services
he is capable of doing or is actually
doing. Our Surgeon Mr Smith that
has is the favorite of the Late
Dewan of Mysore and is allowed
rations and he may pay

honorary one in order that he may
live in his old days. I also learnt
that that man was banished from
the Government of Mysore in the
days of Sir. K. Seshadri Iyer and late
Dewan of Mysore. I hear that there
is now a complaint pending against
him in connection with his misbehaviour
with the Brahmins during the Sankaranti
during the last year Brahmotsavam.
How such a personage is allowed
to continue to eat away from the
general charities not sympathetic exists
the public anxiety and ~~is traitor~~ in
such a model Government as
the Government of Mysore.

The present Honorary Gentleman who
supervises the Mysore charities at Sirupathi for
the last 10 years is a gentleman of sound local
knowledge, of prestige & honor at Sirupathi and one
of independent means of livelihood and
under his management there everything goes
on well worthy of the model Mysore
Government.

17.11.08 An admirer of the admittedly model
Government of Mysore

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

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Trichinopoly

21/4/16

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao

I enclose, by His Highness' desire, an anonymous communication re the manager at Tirupati. It is not, probably, of the slightest importance or value. But His High-

ness thinks that the
whole question of the ad-
ministration of the Im-
pati charity requires look
ing into. The expenditure
tends to grow steadily
from the nature of things
can do so indefinitely
A.H. While desirous of

treating the question liberally, as the charity is undoubtedly a great boon to thousands of the devotees, thinks that there ought to be some principle for a limit to expenditure. A reference to the files on the subject submitted during the last year will show that he got a

help from the late administration. His Highness will be glad if you will look into the matter when you can find time

Yours sincerely

[signature]

Will Mr Chamberlain please be good enough to put up a memo with reference to the land been asked for before

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

PĀTAN BHAVAN,
BANGALORE

4th August 1906.

Dear Mr Macnaghten

With reference to your D.O.No.208 dated the 21st of April, I send herewith, for the information of His Highness the Maharaja, a note drawn up by the Muzrai Secretary dealing withthe several matters connected with His Highness the Maharaja's charities at Tirupati. In the circumstances explained by him, any sudden appreciable reduction in the expenditure does not seem to be practicable. It may, however, be laid down that the grant now fixed should not be exceeded under any circumstances. I also think that the services of Palghat Hanumantha Rao, for whom the Muzrai Secretary has evidently no work, ma be dispensed with.

Yours sincerely
K Madhavarao

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Mysore.
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D.O. 18
1906

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao

His Highness agrees that the "services" (?) of Palghat Hanumantha Rao may be dispensed with. He also accepts your view that the expenditure should not be a allowed to exceed the present sanctioned grant of ₹12,630.

I should like to add a word of personal explanation with reference to the Muzrai Secy's remarks on pp 4 & 5 of his note. I did not suggest that the affairs of the chattram had not received full attention. What I said was that His Highness had received no assistance in the direction of limiting expenditure; and this I consider to be a true statement.

To Muzrai deptt for issue of orders
8/8/1906

Yrs sincerely
Macdonnell

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Order :— no

As there is no work now in the Muzrai Department for Palaghat Hanumanta Rao who was appointed as a Temporary Overseer on Rs 20/- per mensem in the said Deptt by Govt Pro. no 1269 Muzt 105-92, dated 7th June 1901, his services will be dispensed with with effect from the 1st November 1906. The allowance of 2 padies of rice and condiments per diem, which is being disbursed to Hanumanta Rao from H. H. the Maharaja's Chattram at Tirupati (North Arcot Dt) will also be discontinued

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from the 1st November 1906.

Muzrai Secretary.

To

The Dharmadarsi,
H. H. the Maharaja's Charities,
Irnipati, (N Arcot Dt).

The Comptroller to the Govt
of H. H. the Maharaja of Ellpore.

Copy to Palaghat Kammanta Rao, No 2271
Irnipati. dy. 29. X. 06

By Order,

Muz: Secretary.

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